

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A topsheet 10 of an absorbent article is a nonwoven fabric having a plurality of heat fusion joints 3 formed by embossing. Fibers constituting the nonwoven fabric protrude in the thickness direction of the nonwoven fabric between the joints 3 to form a plurality of protrusions 4a and 4b on both the upper and the lower sides of the nonwoven fabric. The base of the individual protrusions 4b formed on the lower side projects in the planar direction of the nonwoven fabric.